

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A refrigerator shelf defined by a one-piece open frame made of substantially homogeneous polymeric/copolymeric molded synthetic material and a piece of glass closing an opening defined by said frame; said open frame having opposite substantially parallel side frame portions and opposite substantially parallel front and rear frame portions; said glass piece having opposite substantially parallel side edges and opposite substantially parallel front and rear edges; said side, front and rear frame portions being substantially contiguous to said respective side, front and rear edges; each of side frame portions being defined by an upper wall, a side wall depending from each upper wall and a lower wall projecting from its side wall toward an opposite side wall with the opposing lower walls being spaced from each other and each defining with an associated upper wall a glass piece side edge-receiving channel, each upper wall and lower wall having a terminal free edge, said glass piece side edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said upper wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said lower wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, whereby said glass piece side edges are captively retained in said glass piece side edge-receiving channels, each lower wall including an end edge portion, wherein said frame and glass piece include a bond therebetween.

Claim 39 (Cancelled).

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 38 wherein said frame and glass piece include an adhesive therebetween.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The refrigerator shelf as defined in claim 38 wherein said front frame portion and said rear frame portion are each defined by an upper wall, a side wall depending from each upper wall and a lower wall defining with its associated latter-mentioned upper wall a glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel; each said rear frame portion and front frame portion upper wall and lower wall having a terminal free edge, said glass piece front and rear edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said front frame portion rear and frame portion upper wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, said front frame portion and rear frame portion lower wall terminal free edges being spaced a predetermined distance from each other, whereby said glass piece front and rear edges are captively retained in said glass piece front and rear edge-receiving channels.

Claims 42-43 (Cancelled).